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SUBJECT: INNER-GERMAN TRANSIT AGREEMENTS: NEWSPAPER
SPECULATION ABOUT PURPOSE OF ALLIED BK/O

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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE FRG FONOFF IS ISSUING A PRESS
STATEMENT TO COUNTER SPECULATION THAT THE THREE
ALLIES WERE DISSATISFIED WITH SOME ASPECTS OF THE
RECENTLY CONCLUDED INNER-GERMAN TRANSIT NEGOTIATIONS.
END SUMMARY.

1. JANUARY 19 (MONDAY) "DIE WELT" CARRIES BERNDT
CONRAD STORY ON PAGE TWO ENTITLED "IS BONN KEEPING
SECRET THE DOCUMENTS ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT
TO THE TRAFFIC TREATY?" STORY SAYS CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG
MEMBERS SUSPECT DOCUMENTS AND ORAL DECLARATIONS OF FRG
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AND GDR IN CONNECTION WITH DECEMBER 19 TRANSIT

AGREEMENTS ARE BEING KEPT SECRET BY FRG.

2. STORY ALSO ASSERTS THAT CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG REPS HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE THREE POWERS WERE NOT COMPREHENSIVELY INFORMED BY BONN OF THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL RELATIVELY LATE. STORY THEN STATES IT IS SAID IN BERLIN THAT THE ALLIES ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH SOME POINTS OF THE FRG-GDR AGREEMENT (SPECIFICALLY RE THE STAAKEN CROSSING POINT AND THE THREE NEW RAIL STOPS IN WSB) AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY THE THREE POWERS, IN CONNECTION WITH APPROVING THE PLANNED RAIL MEASURES, EXPRESSLY REFERRED TO THE SPECIAL ALLIED RIGHTS IN THESE MATTERS.

3. BECAUSE OF THE STORIES IN "DIE WELT" AND "FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (REPORTED REFTEL), THE FOREIGN OFFICE WILL ISSUE A PRESS STATEMENT THIS AFTERNOON (JANUARY 19). STATEMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BY PHONE WITH ALLIES IN BONN, WHO HAVE EXPRESSED NO OBJECTIONS. TEXT GIVEN BELOW.

4. BEGIN TEXT

IN CONNECTION WITH PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING THE ATTITUDE OF THE THREE POWERS TO THE INNER-GERMAN ARRANGEMENTS OF 19 DECEMBER 1975 ON TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS THE AUSWARTIGES AMT WISHES TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. IN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS PERMANENT CONSULTATIONS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTED THE THREE POWERS ON THE INNER-GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS.

2. THE THREE POWERS APPROVED OF THE RESULTS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. THE THREE POWERS POSSESS IN BERLIN SPECIAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. THEREFORE, ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WHICH HAVE AN EFFECT IN AND FOR BERLIN NEED THE FORMAL APPROVAL OF THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA IN ORDER TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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CAPABLE OF IMPLEMENTATION IN BERLIN. THE LEGAL ACTS ISSUED BY THE ALLIED KOMMANDATURA THEREFORE SERVE THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THE INNER-GERMAN ARRANGEMENTS AS FAR AS THEY TOUCH THE AREA OF ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN.

4. AS FAR AS THE CONTENTS OF THESE LEGAL ACTS BY THE AK ARE CONCERNED, THESE LEGAL ACTS REAFFIRM LONG-

STANDING POSITIONS AND PRACTICES OF THE THREE POWERS.

END TEXT.

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